



2017 CALL FOR ENTRIES

36th Annual Congressional Art Competition & Exhibition for High School Students

12th Congressional District of Florida

***Sponsored by: Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis
& the Congressional Institute***

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Congressional Art Competition, launched in 1982, is coordinated by Members of Congress and is an annual high school art competition and exhibition representing congressional districts across the nation. The Best of Show artwork travels to Washington, D.C. to be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol Building's Cannon Tunnel with other congressional district winners.

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each framed artwork can be **no larger** than **26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep**. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it must arrive in Washington, DC, framed. Even when framed, it must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal
(It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction).

(PLEASE SEE FURTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS ATTACHED)

TEACHER REQUIREMENTS

- Entries are limited to **one** per student and each art teacher may enter up to **four** works.
- The **Student Information & Release Form** must be completed and attached to the **back** of each entry.
- Artworks must be transported in a **secure portfolio** and the portfolio labeled with the school's name and the words "***Congressional Art Competition***".
- An **Inventory Sheet** must be completed and forwarded in the portfolio with the student entries.

PRIZES

U.S. Capitol Building Exhibit: The winner's artwork will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel for a period of 11 months.

Framing: The winning student's artwork will be professionally framed, courtesy of a local frame shop.

SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK

The delivery location will vary according to County or School System. Please read accordingly.

- Pasco County School District works must be delivered by Friday, April 28th to:

Attn: Thomas Viking
Pasco County Schools
Office for Teaching and Learning
7227 Land O'Lakes Boulevard, Land O'Lakes, FL 34638

- All Pinellas County schools' (public/private/charter) works must be delivered in person by Friday, April 28th to:

The Office of Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis
38500 US Hwy 19 N., Room BB-038, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

- Hillsborough County School District works must be delivered by Friday, April 28th to:

Attn: Dana Warner
Hillsborough County Schools
Raymond O. Shelton School Administrative Center
901 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33602

- Pasco & Hillsborough private and charter school works must be delivered in person by Friday, April 28th to one of the following offices of Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis:

7132 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34654
OR
38500 US Hwy 19 N., Room BB-038, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

(Pasco County District School and/or the Office of Congressman Bilirakis will handle each student's artwork in a professional manner, but assume no responsibility in case of loss, damage, theft, etc.).

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